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Title: METHOD FOR PRINTING ON A THERMOPLASTIC MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before examining the above-referenced application, the Applicants request that the Examiner enter this Preliminary Amendment. This amendment is necessitated by the need to place the translated claims from the German application into proper format to comply with the rules of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. No new matter is added.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice and replace them with new claims 11-25 as follows:

CLAIMS

11. A method for printing on a thermoplastic material comprising the steps of:
- applying by electrographic means a coloring agent having thermoplastic toner particles